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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT "D"

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of April 14, 1998, applicants respond as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

18. (Twice Amended) A process for treating a rubber, a thermoplastic elastomer, or a plastic wiper blade comprising;

applying a composition including one or more sulfonic acids or salt thereof to the wiping surface of said wiper blade, said sulfonic acid [comprising an inorganic acid, an organic acid] having from about 2 to about 36 carbon atoms[, or a salt of said inorganic or organic acid or combinations thereof].

Please delete claim 14 without bias or prejudice.

15. A process according to claim 18, wherein said sulfonic acid is an alkyl sulfonic acid of the formula

R^1-SO_3H Formula I

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